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SUBJECT: AMERICANS IN VIETNAM AND FRENCH FLIGHTS

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1. ACCORDING TO A QUAI OFFICER, THE FRENCH HAVE RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM THE SRV FOR ABOUT SIX FLIGHTS BETWEEN- JULY 23 (WHEN THE AIRCRAFT COMES BACK FROM MAINTENANCE IN HONG KONG) AND JULY 31. THEY HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED A CALENDAR FOR FLIGHTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, BUT THEY HAVE ASSURANCES FROM THE SRV THAT FLIGHTS WILL BE PERMITTED. THE QUAI OFFICER SAID THAT THE FLIGHTS ARE NOT REGULAR, BUT FOLLOW A CALENDAR SET BY THE VIETNAMESE, A CALENDAR WHICH THEY WISH TO KEEP CONFIDENTIAL UNLESS THE VIETNAMESE RELEASE IT.

2. THE QUAI OFFICER SAID THAT THE FRENCH FLIGHTS WOULD OF COURSE BE AVAILABLE TO TRANSPORT THE AMERICANS AS IT WAS FOR THE ABORTIVE "EXPULSION" JULY 9. HOWEVER, THE VIETNAMESE HAVE AS YET NOT TOLD THE FRENCH ABOUT THE
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PROGRAM TO MOVE ALL THE AMERICANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS,

AND THE SRV, BY CITING THE UNHCR AS MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS, PROBABLY WISHED THE GREATER PUBLICITY WHICH WOULD COME FROM USING SOME SPECIAL AIRCRAFT UNDER CHARTER TO THE UNHCR. THE QUAI WILL KEEP US INFORMED OF ANY INFORMATION FROM SAIGON OR ELSEWHERE ON THIS SUBJECT, AND IN TURN THE QUAI WISHES TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF WHATEVER WE LEARN BECAUSE OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN PROVIDING DOCUMENTATION AND THEIR POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT IN THE TRANSPORTATION.
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